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Read our Ads. for the Fads.

Ladies' Skirt Sale at Chapman's

Today we offer for sale, and until sold, a big line of the new styles of Ladies' Dress Skirts, at the lowest prices Tailor-made and Stylish Skirts were ever sold for here. Now, we have not a long flowery sermon to preach about these Skirts, but we know many dealers would make a great "spread," and say all sorts of "bargain" and "January clearance sale" things about such a line of nice Skirts for the little prices we ask. It is enough for us to say that these Skirts are **Tailor-Made Skirts**; That they are the **Newest Styles**; that they are the **Lowest in Price** ever sold here of their class. We want you to see them and judge for yourself as to the points we mention—Quality, Style and Prices.

A brown plaid suiting, cerise lining at \$4.25. Blue Cloth, embroidered front, habit back, \$3.87. Blue and Black Serge, all wool, embroidered front, at \$3.75. Brown Suing, habit back, at \$4.25. Ali Wool Serge, silk belt, at \$3.75. Black, fancy mercerized, plaited back, at \$2.50. Fancy black serge, habit back, at \$1.65. Black striped worsted, plaited back, at \$2.50. Fancy striped suiting, habit back, at \$2.25. Fancy Black Serge, plaited back, at \$1.50. Fancy gray suiting, plait back, at \$2.00. Blue and Black Serge, plaited back, at \$1.50.

We will be pleased to have you see them, and judge for yourself as to the points we mention—Quality, Style and prices.

R. C. CHAPMAN.

Dr. Dickie arrested.

A dispatch of Sunday from East Radford to the Baltimore Sun Says: The death of Mrs. Martha Calfee, a young widow, at Bluefield, yesterday, has resulted in the arrest of Dr. W. W. Dickie, a prominent physician of that place, on an ugly charge. After an examination by several physicians, a coroner's jury brought in a verdict charging malpractice. It is reported that the deceased was to be married soon—Lynchburg News.

Sensational Reports.

The following telegram was published in Monday's Alexandria Gazette:

Newport News, Jan. 8.—There are sensational developments relative to the lynching of W. W. Watts by an unknown mob Friday, for assault on Mrs. Simpson. It is said the woman was willing, but when caught accused Watts of criminally assaulting her to hide her shame. It is reported that she visited him in Lynchburg last summer and stayed with him some time. There is talk of lynching the woman, who is now in hiding. Detectives are working to locate the lynchers, who will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if captured. Station Sergeant Booker, in charge of police headquarters when Watts was taken out by the mob, has been suspended. Watts' family refused to claim the body, and it was buried here, but since investigating they declare an innocent man was murdered.

Money Wanted.

We are in need of money, and must ask our debtors to come in at once and settle their last years accounts. DODD & CO.

WANTED—Honest man or woman to travel for large house; salary \$65. monthly and expenses, with increase; inclose self-addressed stamped envelope MANAGER, 330 Caxton bldg., Chicago

FILLED HIM WITH LEAD.

Newport News, Va., Scene of an Early Morning Lynching.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 6.—W. W. Watt was taken from the station house by a mob early this morning and shot to death for criminally assaulting Mrs. T. M. Simpson, wife of an employee of the ship yard.

Watt, who is from Lynchburg, had been in this city several weeks. Late last evening he went to the house of T. M. Simpson, a ship joiner who was at work, and criminally assaulted Mrs. Simpson. She had previously given the man something to eat, and he came ostensibly to thank her for her kindness.

After the assault, Watt boarded a train for Richmond, but a special local officer jumped the train as it was moving out, handcuffed the man and brought him back on the next train. He was locked up, and at 4 o'clock this morning a mob of armed men came to the station house, disturbed the sergeant, and at the point of revolvers made him unlock the cell where Watt was crouching, pleading for his life.

The prisoner was taken out to a strip of woods on the edge of the city, about three quarters of a mile from the station house, tied to a tree and shot to death. At least forty bullets entered the body.

BAD WRECK AT PULASKI.

Engineer Smith Seriously Injured and Fireman Cromer Killed.

Pulaski, Va., Jan. 8.—A passenger train No. 13, running at the rate of forty-five miles an hour, being one and a half hours late, ran into a lot of coke cars at the end of the yard, having been left on the siding without sufficient brakes on, started down on their own responsibility, and met the passenger train just where the switch enters the main line and right in front of the new tank.

The engine and tender were completely demolished, the tank being turned on its side and thrown completely off down an embankment. The baggage car was thrown off the track at one end, whilst the other remained on the track.

The mail car caught fire, but was put out before any damage was done. The mail was very badly damaged and scattered over the track. Some of it will never be found.

The engineer on the passenger train, John Smith, of Bristol, was seriously hurt, and it is feared by the doctors that he will die, he being injured internally, there not being a mark on his person. The fireman, Percy Cromer, of Radford, was fatally hurt, his left leg being mashed to a jelly from the knee down, right foot mashed off, left arm broken in two places, and internally injured. The doctors say his death is a matter of only a few hours.

Whilst lying under the engine, he gave instructions how he should be taken out, being pinned down for over an hour.

None of the passengers were seriously hurt, but all were considerably shaken up. The new tank just completed was badly injured, the engine and tender being piled up against it, knocking out several of the pillars.

The crash as the trains came together was something terrible, being heard for over a mile, three loaded coke cars being split in two from end to end and splintered into kindling wood. The engine boiler was thrown under the tank, and it is feared that when it is removed the tank will fall. The engine and tender will be a complete loss, as will also the mail car.

Installation of Officers.

At a regular meeting of the Jr. O. U. A. M., on last Monday night, the 7th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

C. T. Patton, C.; J. R. Laird, V. C.; C. W. Spracher, R. S.; J. Watson Quinn, A. R. S.; J. P. Hutton, C.; J. C. Allison, W.; Henry White, I. S.; J. S. Bennett, O. S.; H. W. Pobst, Treas.; Trustees—J. Watson Quinn, R. A. Harman and J. R. Laird. Financial Secretary, N. Crawford.

A NIGHT ATTACK ON LADYSMITH.

General White Reports He Has Repulsed the Enemy, But is Still Fighting.

The Burghers Assume the Aggressive and Will Now Try to Take All the Beleaguered Towns Be, before They Are Reinforced.

London, January 6.—General White reports by heliograph from Ladysmith at 9 a. m., to Free Camp as follows:

"The enemy attacked Caesar's Camp at 2:45 this morning in considerable force. The enemy was everywhere repulsed, but fighting still continues."

The latest news from the front to-night is the message from White reporting that the Boers are attacking Ladysmith, that he has succeeded in repulsing the attack, but that fighting is still going on. All this shows that the Boers are courageously pushing on. The most significant feature of this is the evident determination of the Boers finally to assume the aggressive before the British are reinforced.

It looks like a series of vigorous movements against the besieged town of Ladysmith, Kimberly and Mafeking. The Boers' new plan of campaign is to capture these places, as the success of that move would release large commandos and strengthen the armies opposing Buller and Methuen; and enable the Burghers to assume an aggressive action against the main British armies.

BRITAIN NOW SAID TO NEED 140,000 MEN.

Cape Town, Jan. 6.—Alfred Kinnear arrived today from the front at Modder River and Colesburg.

The Boers have now nearly 90,000 men in the field. The Dutch farmers of Cape Colony have, with few exceptions, thrown in their lot with the republics, and the British army must be raised to 140,000 men. What we chiefly lack is mounted infantry and long range, quick firing artillery. At least 20,000 men in these services are needed. The British field artillery has suffered severely from the Boer rifle fire in its efforts to get within the superior range of the enemy's guns. A serious lack of foresight has been shown by England in not sending at first quick firing guns with all the cavalry and artillery that could have been collected.

The British have already lost in killed, wounded and prisoners over 7,000 men. These losses, checks, and actual disasters naturally put great heart into the Boers.

Buller has his hands more than full in Natal. Methuen lost his chance in reaching Kimberly by not pushing up his first victory at Modder River while the Boers were in retreat. We should have kept them moving by pursuit.

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life, and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor, after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c. at Jackson's drug store.

BENBOW.

Christmas is over and every one seemed to have enjoyed the holidays.

There were several surprise parties in the Valley, and would have been several more if the weather had not been so unfavorable.

Our corn mills have been completely frozen up during the recent cold spell.

Miss Mary Crockett returned to the Valley last Monday from a visit home.

Misses Ella and Mabel Crabtree spent several days at Sharn College Bland county, with sister and relatives. They report having a very fine time.

Mr. J. W. Corell has given out going west and is going east as far as Giles county, so we understand.

Miss Mary Ritter, of Graham, Va., spent Christmas with friends and relatives here. Her brother, James, came with her.

If you want to keep up with the fashions sell your farm and go west or somewhere else.

Mrs. A. B. Buchanan spent Christmas with her mother at Tazewell.

Lay back the quiet form, and smooth the white locks from the waxen brow. And place upon the icy breast The cold hands, that are folded now. Another fleeting year has passed. The snows are falling soft and deep. The Old Year's work is done at last, And sweet shall be his silent sleep. The summer time will come again, With all its wealth of bloom and song. Tazewell, Old Year, across the snow The New Year comes with careless grace. I'll muse upon the happy past, And fondly dream of days gone by. SOMETIMES.

From West Bluestone.

Well, Mr. Editor, you will have to excuse me for not sending you any locals for last week, as it was so cold it kept me busy turning around by the fire to keep both sides warm.

"Rabbits are rough, and rabbits are tough, and most everybody on Bluestone has had rabbits enough" since the snow fell.

Messrs. C. A. Wagner & Co. killed six foxes in three days, it being bad fox weather, at that.

Messrs. J. B. Shannon & Son bought the Hagy farm on Bluestone last week. Will says he is going to house-keeping in the spring.

Misses Bessie Ruble, Georgie Shrader, Lavie Nash and Mr. Arch Ruble spent Christmas on Clear Fork. They report a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, of Graham, were up during Christmas. Also was Mr. Henry Hagy, of Graum, with us for a few days.

"Uncle" Jimmie Bailey, whom we mentioned in our last letter as being quite sick, we are glad to report much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stinson, of Wythe county, were visiting Mrs. Stinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shannon, last week.

Mrs. J. W. Bailey, of Springville, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Carter, New Year's day. She was buried at the Bailey graveyard, on Teal Branch, on the 3rd inst. She leaves a husband and one child and a host of friends, who have the sympathy of the entire community.

RATTLEHEAD.

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, all Skin eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25c. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Jno. E. Jackson, druggist.

Closing Out Sale.

We offer until January 15th, 1900, our nice parlor lamps and fine pictures left over from Christmas, at actual cost, for cash only, to close them out. Call early and make a selection. This offer is for cash only and good to January 15.

DODD & CO.

THE BILL FOR SEPARATE CARS

Quite Certain It Will Be Made a Law

Senator Lecato's Bill Making Payment a Prerequisite to Voting to be Pressed—A Number Other Measures

Richmond, Va., January 10.—One of the most important measures, and certainly one which is attracting the greatest public attention, is that providing separate coaches for whites and blacks. The railroad companies are vigorously opposing it. Their opposition is chiefly based upon the expense such a law would entail upon them. It is quite certain that the Eppes bill requiring companies to furnish separate coaches for the two races will pass. It is quite possible, though that it will be amended, but in no radical particular. Virginia is one of the last Southern States to attempt this legislation.

THE CAPITATION TAX.

Senator Lecato's bill providing for submitting a constitutional amendment requiring a capitation tax, is to be pressed. The patron of this measure points out that the State annually loses \$150,000 in delinquent capitation taxes. His proposition to make the prepayment of this tax as a prerequisite to vote, he insists, will bring in a large revenue. The Senate Committee on Finance will consider the Lecato bill tomorrow, when a strong effort will be made to secure a favorable report on it.

OTHER IMPORTANT MEASURES.

The House Committee for Courts this morning reported two important bills. One was to allow all justices of the peace to issue warrants. The other is the Whitehead bill imposing stripes on wife beaters.

The maximum number of these is limited to twenty for the first and thirty for the second offense. The trial judge or magistrate is given discretionary power in inflicting this punishment.

MARTIN FOR SWANSON

As the Nominee for the Virginia Governorship.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 6.—Senator Martin's attitude in the gubernatorial contest as announced this afternoon, attracts no little attention in legislative and political circles. This statement is published here this afternoon with the sanction of Senator Martin:

"All question as to the candidacy of Hon. Claude A. Swanson for the governorship of Virginia was removed yesterday when Senator Thomas S. Martin, in conversation with Congressman John Lamb, stated that Mr. Swanson was a candidate, and that he would give him his most cordial support."

The friends of Senator Martin say that Congressman Swanson did splendid work for him in the contest for the senatorship last year.

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Bernham, of Machias, Me. when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvellous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Jackson's drug-store

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

The Friendly Islanders will be the First People to Hail its Advent.

"The first people to live in the twentieth century will be the Friendly Islanders, for the date line, as it may be called, lies in the Pacific Ocean just to the east of their group," writes John Ritchie, Jr., in the January Ladies' Home Journal, of "Where the Next Century will Really Begin." At that time, although it will be already Tuesday to them, all the rest of the world will be enjoying some phase of Monday, the last day of the nineteenth century (December 31, 1900). At Melbourne the people will be going to bed, for it will be nearly 10 o'clock; at Manila it will be two hours earlier in the evening; at Calcutta the English residents will be sitting at their Monday afternoon dinner, for it will be about six o'clock; and in London, 'Big Ben,' in the tower of the House of Commons, will be striking the hour of noon. In Boston, New York and Washington half the people will be eating breakfast on Monday morning, while Chicago will be barely conscious of the dawn. At the same moment San Francisco will be in the deepest sleep of what is popularly called Sunday night, though really the early, dark hours of Monday morning, and half the Pacific will be wrapped in the darkness of the same morning hours, which become earlier to the west, until at Midway or Brooks Island it will be but a few minutes past midnight of Sunday night."

HEAVY FIGHTING IN CHINA.

French and Native Troops Have a Sanguinary Conflict.

Victoria, B. C., January 10.—According to news received from the Orient by the steamer Queen Adelaide, the troops of France have been ignominiously routed with a loss of thirty killed in a battle with natives in the province of Kwang Tung, in Southern China, where for sometime past there has been trouble over the dispute of the French-Chinese boundary. In a fight about a month before this last encounter 100 Chinese were reported to have been killed. Because of this attack together with the killing of two French officers by Chinese while engaged in surveying, the French shelled the village, took a Chinese warship and held the taotan of the district prisoner for some time.

Soon after this affair Marshal Su arrived at Kwang Chon bay, bearing orders to uphold the Chinese rights. There have been great anti-foreign demonstrations in Shantung. A number of Missions have been looted and destroyed, many of them being in connection with the American mission board. Some of the priests and missionaries have been killed, and in a pitched battle with imperial troops sent against them over 100 rebels were slain.

Among the Christians who first suffered at the hands of the rebels were thirteen families connected with the American mission board at Tung Tchang, near Tsun. Their houses were looted and they were robbed of property to the value of 4,000 taels. Four families of the American Presbyterian mission were also robbed and their homes were destroyed.

Upon the Catholics the natives gave full force to their fury. A number were killed, 200 families were robbed and many homes and chapels burned.

A Monster Devil Fish

Destroying its victim, is a type of Constipation. The power of this murderous malady is felt on organs and nerves and muscles and brain. There's no health till it's overcome. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a safe and certain cure. Best in the world for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, and Bowels. Only 25 cents at John E. Jackson's drug store.

NOTICE.

Positively no riding, driving, hunting, or trespassing of any kind allowed on my lands.

C. H. PEERY, Kelly, Va. May 26-1y.

TO AMEND THE ELECTION LAW

Bills Introduced With That End in View.

Mr. Barksdale Bill Regarding the Use of Money in Elections—The Virginia-Maryland Boundary Line.

Richmond, Va., January 8.—Sergeant-at-arms J. W. Johnson, of the House of delegates, was attacked this morning by a released lunatic who tried to force his way into the hall. The man said he wanted to preach. He claimed that he had a divine commission to preach wherever and whenever he pleased. When Mr. Johnson attempted to keep the negro out, the lunatic used a powerful cane and struck the officer several blows. The negro was finally overpowered, but not until several members of the house came to the officers aid.

THE ELECTION LAWS.

Messrs. Powell and Barclay introduced bills in the house today proposing to amend the election laws so as to require an educational qualification indirectly. The bill provides for the removal of the Judge or the special constable from the election booth and thus leave the illiterate voter to prepare his own ballot unaided. The bill provides for the appointment of a supervisor from each political party who are to prepare ballots for the blind and others physically unable to do so.

The effect of the provisions of this measure is to leave the illiterate without possible means of preparing a ballot and thus practically disfranchising them.

A similar proposition was made at the time the Parker law was enacted but the disfranchising clause was considered to be unconstitutional in effect and in spirit.

Mr. Pollock introduced a resolution in the House, which was referred, appropriating \$500 for the purpose of having the boundary line between Virginia and Maryland, in the Tangier and Pocomoke sounds permanently marked.

Mr. Bland introduced a bill which, if enacted, will be important. It requires railroad companies to make connection with each other.

In the Senate today Mr. Barksdale, of Halifax introduced a bill which he offered as a substitute for that prohibiting the corrupt use of money in elections.

Senator St. Clair introduced a bill incorporating the Big Sandy and Cumberland railroad. Authority is granted for the construction of a line from some point on the dividing line of the States of Virginia and Kentucky, in the counties of Dickenson and Buchanan, and thence through Tazewell county to the Clinch river or to a connection with the Norfolk and Western. The preferred and common stock is not to exceed \$100,000.

Under a suspension of the rules the Senate passed a joint resolution to appoint a joint committee of five to investigate and report upon the question of rearranging the judicial circuits of the State. This arrangement is not to go into effect until January 1, 1902.

Senator Lecato introduced his bill for establishing and maintaining an epileptic colony.

Among the bills passed by the Senate today was one originating in that body permitting the Atlantic Coast line to change its name by omitting "Virginia."

In the house today, Mr. Gravely of Henry, introduced a bill which he claims, if enacted, will materially increase the revenues from railroads by a half a million dollars. The bill provides for assessing railroad property on the basis of bonded indebtedness and the capital stock. This proposition conforms to the views of Governor Tyler on the subject of railroad taxation.

Corporation Judge Christian, of Lynchburg, was re-elected today by the two houses.

The joint committee, charged with the investigation of the Soldiers Home appointed a sub-committee to-night to examine the accounts of the institution and report the result of their work.